for the depressed classes in Trivandrum or rather in the important educational centres of Travancore, the establishment of scholarships, say one or two foreign scholarships to such of the depressed class members who have succeeded in obtaining general education necessary for proceeding to Europe, Japan, or any other foreign countries, such are the lines on which the condition of the depressed classes may be improved, It may also be necessary for them to have good healthy house sites near towns. Now the concessions shown in far away outlying village parts by way of relaxation of puduval rules for the assignment of lands and all that cannot be of much utility to the depressed classes for the reason that they are labourers and that they cannot get labour in out of the way places. So suitable lands have to be acquired near the town sites. What is the meaning of saying that there should be houses built for them when they have no lands? First of all lands may be acquired. Then it is time enough for houses to be built on them. Suitable sites have to be acquired for the use of the depressed classes. Then only the other items in the programme for the amelioration of their condition can be worked.

**Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon:** ആറായിരം ഏക്കറിൽ അധികം ഭൂമി അധഃകൃതർക്കായി പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

**Mr. M. Govindan:** എനിക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. ഒരിഞ്ചു സ്ഥലംപോലും പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ഫൈനാൻഷ്യൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ ഇല്ല.

With regard to the depressed classes, the treatment of the subject in the Financial Secretary's report is absolutely step-motherly, Sir, there, the dpressed classes instead of even occupying one paragraph comes within the paragraph of co-operation and there are three sentences devoted to the depressed classes. I submit that this is a very serious problem in Travancore and we are not paying due attention to it. 17 lakhs of people are condemned as untouchables. Thanks are due to the Government for the recent communique declaring the Government's determination not to spend money from the public funds where untouchability is recognised. But I am very sorry to notice a notification very recently published after the above communique saying that Government intend constructing a satram for depressed classes at Cape Comorin and a site is going to be acquired for that. If there is no untouchability in the State, where is the necessity for another satram specially for untouchables? I have no objection for building another satram also at Cape Comorin. It may promote the

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